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In re Application of:

Pietras, et al.

Serial No.: 09/509,073

Confirmation No.: 5424

Filed:

August 22, 2000

For:

An Apparatus for Facilitating

the Connection of Tubulars

Using a Top Drive

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner:

J. Hawkins

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on February 14, 2002, with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to grant a two-month extension of time to and including February 14, 2002, in which to file the Notice of Appeal and Second Response to Office Action Dated September 14, 2001.

This form is filed in duplicate. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$400.00 and any additional fees which may be required for this submission to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0012/WBP.

Respectfully submitted,

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